

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

*Whereas*, the State of Delaware, through the Adult Protective Services Program of Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities is addressing the problems of elder abuse and neglect by ensuring the safety and well-being of vulnerable adults; and

*Whereas*, the State of Delaware, through the Attorney General's Senior Protection Multi-Disciplinary Initiative is further addressing the problem of elder exploitation by improving the investigation and prosecution of crimes against seniors; and

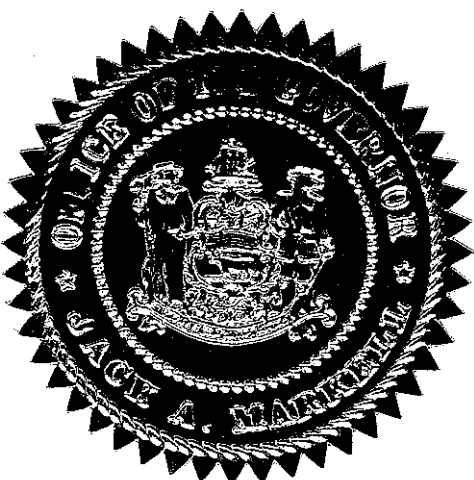
*Whereas*, the New Castle County Police Department is addressing the problems of elder abuse through increased protection, awareness and training of law enforcement to detect and respond to crimes against the elderly; and

*Whereas*, the Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly (CANE) of the University of Delaware Center for Community Research and Service, and of the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), is dedicated to generating public awareness and enhancing the prevention of elder abuse at local, state and national levels.

*Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,  
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,  
do hereby proclaim June 15, 2009*

### ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Delaware and urge all Delawareans to learn more about the problem of elder abuse and neglect.



*Jack Markell*

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Governor

*Matthew Denn*

Matthew Denn  
Lieutenant Governor

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